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LETTER DATED 18 MARCH 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF KUWAIT TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit herewith the letter from His Highness Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, Amir of the State of Kuwait, addressed to Your Excellency.

I should appreciate it if you would arrange for this message to be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mohammad A. ABULHASAN
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

[Original: Arabic]

Letter dated 5 March 1991 from His Highness the Amir of the State of Kuwait addressed to the Secretary-General

Thank you for the kind letter which you sent on the occasion of the end of the ordeal suffered by my country and my people and for the friendly feelings expressed in it towards Kuwait and its people. The people of Kuwait join me in expressing profound appreciation and immense gratitude towards the international community, represented by the United Nations, for its noble stand on the side of right and law, for its rejection of aggression, and for the collective resolutions adopted repeatedly by the Organization through the Security Council to restore justice and repel the aggressor. Moreover, I must praise your untiring personal efforts and the noble and scrupulous stand taken by you for the application of those resolutions.

You have earned our admiration and the admiration of the entire world for your tireless, persevering efforts to achieve a peaceful solution to this crisis from the outset. The important thing is that you made every effort in this respect with sincerity and integrity; yet you ran up against a frustrating, immovable wall of obstinacy. Without a doubt, the fact that your efforts to achieve a peaceful solution to the crisis met with failure is the sole responsibility of the aggressor, for he persisted in his aggression and his defiance of the will of the international community. Yet despite the overwhelming disaster that has befallen Kuwait, we now find some comfort in the fact that the international unity that came into being to repel the aggression has strengthened the position of the United Nations as an effective international Organization. The measures taken to restore justice now constitute an international precedent on which one can count and to which one will turn in future crises; what is more, they will be a powerful deterrent to any overbearing regime that feels tempted to swoop down upon a smaller State in order to engulf and control it.

Lastly, I thank you for the offer by the international Organization and your own personal offer of assistance. We shall turn to you for help whenever circumstances so require. I also assure you that the State of Kuwait will continue its commitment to the Charter of the United Nations and its strict compliance with it, as has always been the case in the past.

I extend my best wishes to you personally, and express my appreciation to the Organization for the work which it performed quietly yet untiringly throughout this crisis.

Jaber Al-Ahmad AL-SABAH
Amir of the State of Kuwait